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## STRUBLE ELECTED BY PARKS GROUP

The Southeastern Association of State Park Directors recently chose Henry D. Struble, Director of the Parks and Historic Sites Division - Ga. Dept. of Natural Resources as President of their organization. Struble was elected at the Association's 34th Annual Meeting held at Stone Mountain Memorial Park in November.

Mr. Struble has served with the State Parks since 1959, when he was assistant to the Director/ Treasurer of the Department. From 1963 to 1972 he was Deputy Director, Department of State Parks, and became Director of the Parks and Historic Sites Division in May, 1972. He had formerly been Director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Griffin.

The 34th Annual Meeting of the Association brought together State Park Directors and members of their staffs from 13 states in the Southeast. In addition, representatives from National Park Service installations in the southeastern states were present. States represented at the meeting included: Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Virginia, Kentucky, Louisiana, West Virginia, Arkansas, and Maryland.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON RECREATION AND PARKS HELD AT JEKYLL ISLAND

The new Holiday Inn was the conference site at Jekyll Island for the 31st annual Georgia Conference on Recreation and Parks. More than 650 delegates from all over the state attended the three day conference early in November and attended various sessions and meetings dealing with topics focused around the conference theme, "The Leisure Age: 1976-2076". The conference was sponsored by the Georgia Recreation and Park Society, Inc., in cooperation with the Recreation Planning Section, Office of Planning and Research, DNR; and the Glynn County Parks and Recreation Department. Delegates to the conference attended general sessions as well as sessions dealing with topics generic to the special interest groups of therapeutic recreation, outdoor recreation and municipal/county recreation. A half-day workshop was also held for members of the GRPS Board and Commission section during the conference.

Each year at the conference, the Georgia Recreation and Park Society pays tribute to outstanding lay people who have contributed significantly to the recreation and park profession in the state during the past year. This year ten Georgians received recognition at the Lay Awards Banquet and these included: Mrs. Carl Harris - DeKalb County; Mrs. James T. Anderson, Jr. - Cobb County; Mr. Kenneth W. Justice - Fitzgerald; Ben Hill County; Mr. S. Lee Taylor - Fitzgerald Ben Hill County; Mr. John C. Porterfield - Smyrna; Mr. Charles B. Tyson - Moultrie; Mr. Bernard Wainwright - Baxley; Appling County; Mr. J. Carlyle Cox - Gainesville; Mr. Henry J. Ellis - Statesboro; and Rev. Normand S. Coffman - Decatur.

*Merry Christmas*



## GRAVES CHOSEN

### TOP PROFESSIONAL

Charles M. Graves, owner of the Charles M. Graves Organization of Atlanta, was the recipient of the Professional of the Year Award for 1975 given by the Georgia Recreation and Park Society, Inc. The Society bestows the honor on the outstanding individual in the recreation and park profession in the state each year.

Mr. Graves is recognized as a national authority on the planning, establishing and administration of recreation departments, and on the design of parks and recreation areas and facilities. Since establishing his own organization in 1945, he has designed more than 525 park areas in the country, but principally in the Southeast. He has authored more than 50 articles on subjects related to parks and recreation which have been published nationally and in Canada, and he has written chapters for books now being utilized as texts in colleges and universities throughout the country.

Graves is immediate Past-President of the National Council of Park and Recreation Consultants, and has been appointed for the second year by the Trustees of the National Recreation and Park Association as one of six members on their Committee on Planning. He is a former President of the Georgia AAU and a former president of the Northside Kiwanis Club of Atlanta.

During his professional career, he has received numerous awards from his peers and fellow professionals in the field including "Recreation Professional of the Year" in 1970 from the Recreation Executives of ten southern states, and as a Distinguished Fellow from the American Recreation Society in 1961. In 1963, he won the Professional of the Year Award presented at the Southeastern Recreation Conference in Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. Graves has played an active role in the development of the Recreation and Park movement in Georgia. He was one of the organizers of the Georgia Recreation Workers Association (now the Ga. Recreation & Park Society) in 1945; he assisted in drafting the Georgia Recreation Enabling Law passed by the Legislature in 1946; and was very active in the creation of the Georgia Recreation Commission in 1963 and the Recreation Certification Program in 1968.

Mr. Graves began his professional career in Birmingham, Alabama and attended college at Birmingham-Southern where he received his B.S. Degree. He studied civil engineering and planning at Georgia Tech and graduated from the National Recreation School in New York City in 1933, at that time the only graduate school in recreation. He has worked in recreation for forty years and has owned his own business in Atlanta thirty years. He and his wife, Margaret, reside in Atlanta.



## BILLUPS NEW FIELD OPERATIONS DEPUTY

Theodore Mastroianni, Bureau Director for the Atlanta Parks and Recreation System, announced recently that Marvin F. Billups has been named Deputy Director for Field Operations in the City of Atlanta's Bureau of Parks and Recreation. In making the announcement, Mastroianni stated, "This will be a new direction for the Bureau in that Mr. Billups has eight years of recreation experience which means that the maintenance of recreation and park facilities will receive a very high priority."

Billups, a graduate of Albany State College, holds many offices in professional and civic organizations. He was recently elected Treasurer for the Georgia Recreation and Park Society and continues to serve as Chairman of the Leisure Careers Foundation for that organization. He is certified by the Georgia Board of Recreation Examiners as a Recreation Administrator.

Prior to his present appointment, he was Recreation Operations Manager for the Recreation Division.





## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL



*Dr. H. Douglas Sessoms, Keynote speaker for the conference.*



*Charles Clegg (right), representing NRPA, swearing in George Harris as President.*

## GEORGIA CONFERENCE ON



*Thad Studstill (left) presenting the Professional of the Year Award to Charles M. Graves.*



*Pictured is Dr. Tom Songster, Special Olympics Inc., addressing the Therapeutic Section.*

## RECREATION AND PARKS



*New Society Officers: (left to right) Marvin Billups - Treasurer; Wayne Escoe - 1st Vice-President; George Harris - President; Dr. Doug Leavitt - President-Elect; Charles Webb - 2nd Vice-President; and Larry Fortson - Secretary.*



*President Jim Oates (center) presenting Presidential Citations to Bob Saylor (left) and Lee Silver (right).*

# GRPS LAY AWARDS RECIPIENTS



Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Co. - (Front Row - L-R) Mrs. Kenneth Justice, Mrs. John Wiggins, (Back Row), Stanley Boggus, Kenneth Justice, John Wiggins, Jim Oates.



Decatur - (L. to R.) Walter Dockery, Rev. Normand S. Coffman, and Jim Oates.



Cobb Co. - (L. to R.) Bob Ash, Mrs. James T. Anderson, Mrs. Miller, and Jim Oates.



Gainesville - (L. to R.) Jimmy Hope, J. Carlyle Cox, and Jim Oates.



Moultrie - (L. to R.) Jim Goff, Charles B. Tyson, and Jim Oates.



Statesboro - (L. to R.) Parks, Rev. J. C. Brown, J. C. Brown, and Jim Oates.



Terfield - (L. to R.) Parks, J. C. Brown, and Jim Oates.

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## SMYRNA WINS AGENCY AWARD

The Smyrna Parks and Recreation Department was honored by the Georgia Recreation and Park Society recently at the annual conference at Jekyll Island by being chosen the outstanding parks and recreation agency in the state for 1975. The award is given annually by the GRPS Awards Committee.

The Smyrna Department was created on June 3, 1974, with the employment of Lee Silver as its first full-time director. The department was established with only one full-time professional person, the director, and no office space or equipment. During the past year, the department moved into a new office facility and now employs 15 full-time staff and two part-time staff on a regular basis. A wide-range, well diversified recreation program is offered to all age groups by the agency. Activities include: a cultural arts program, health oriented activities, an athletic program, numerous special events activities, and a therapeutic recreation program for special populations in the city. In addition the department operates supervised playgrounds, day camps, two swimming pools, a senior citizens center and the Smyrna Teen Canteen. The city has recently embarked upon a 1.2 million dollar park development project at Kings Springs Park.

## PROPERTY AWARDED TO CHATHAM COUNTY

The Federal Surplus Property formerly owned by the Hunter-Fort Stewart Army Complex located in the southwest portion of Chatham County (formerly the Ogeechee Stagefield Helicopter Training Center), has been awarded to the Chatham County Commissioners and the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The property comprises 104 acres and plans are being made to develop it into a large community park over a five year period at a total cost of over 1 million dollars. The park will include: a large lake, hiking trails, garden plots and a cannery for senior citizens, camping areas, a boat launch, picnic areas, parking facilities, observation areas, a caretaker's quarters, an information and concession building, and a petting zoo.

When developed this will bring the total community parks to three in Chatham County. There are already 42 small neighborhood parks in existence in the county.

## CAMP DIRECTORS' SEMINAR

Ms. Edie Klein, Assistant Professor, Recreation and Leisure Studies, University of Georgia, recently announced a Seminar for Camp Directors. The meeting will be held at the University of Georgia - Center for Continuing Education in Athens on January 11 through January 14. The Seminar will attempt to assist the new camp director in exploring

areas in relationship to: the general objectives of camping, personnel, organization and structure, programming, site development and utilization, and public relations. Further information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Klein at the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, 218 Aderhold, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602 - (404) 542-5064.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

Technical Assistance Unit  
Department of Natural Resources

- \* Assisted in organizing and conducting several in-service training programs for the Park & Recreation staff at DeKalb Co., Fulton Co. & Roswell.
- \* Organized and conducted a Public Awareness Seminar in Columbus on Therapeutic Recreation.
- \* Presently is working with three communities in establishing full-time recreation systems - Thomas-ton, Upson Co., Commerce, & Camden Co.
- \* Conducting a study to help establish standards for recreation & park systems in Ga.
- \* Will publish a pamphlet on recreation programming for Senior Citizens.
- \* Recent special studies have included: Golf & Tennis Center Management Study"; "Civic Center Management Study"; "Study of Non-Resident Fees for Recreation Programs".

## EXECUTIVE SEMINAR FOR RECREATION MANAGEMENT

The Annual Executive Seminar for upper level recreation and park management will again be sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and the Institute of Government, University of Georgia.

Following the format of the 1975 Seminar, this year's program will be devoted to one aspect of management which concerns all management personnel - that being the "Decision-Making Process".

Dr. Charlie Bishop, a Management Science Associate with the Institute of Government, will be the Seminar leader. Dr. Bishop was the principal resource leader for the 1975 program.

The Seminar will be held at Unicoi State Park, January 18-21. Accommodations can be reserved by writing directly to Reservations Clerk, Unicoi State Park, P. O. Box 256, Helen, Georgia 30545.



**Promotions and New Assignments**

College Park Recreation Dept.:  
Albert Gallof - Program Director

January, 1976

11-14 Alabama Recreation and Park Society  
Annual Conference, Phoenix City,  
Alabama

**New Appointments**

Madison Co. Parks & Recreation Dept.:  
Tim Shibo - Director of Recreation

18-21 Executive Seminar for Recreation  
& Park Administrators, Unicoi  
State Park, Helen, GA

Effingham Co. Parks & Recreation Dept.:  
Mike Moss - Director of Recreation

25-29 Maintenance Management School,  
Oglebay Park, Wheeling, W. Va.

Washington/Wilkes Co. Parks & Recreation Dept.:  
Eric Stipe - Director of Recreation

Heard Co. Parks & Recreation Dept.:  
Mike Bryant - Director of Recreation

February, 1976

4-6 NRPA Third Annual Regional Forum  
on Innovative Recreation Programming  
Executive Park Motor Inn, Atlanta,  
Georgia

Marietta Parks & Recreation Dept.:  
Ron Ransom - Director of Recreation

8-13 Georgia Executive Development  
Program, University of Georgia,  
Athens, Georgia

Chatsworth/Murray Co. Parks & Recreation Dept.:  
Lamarr Henry - Director of Recreation

College Park Recreation Dept.:  
Sue Kaplan - Center Director

March, 1976

2-4 Parks and Recreation Maintenance  
Workshop, Rock Eagle 4-H Center,  
Eatonton, Georgia

Smyrna Parks & Recreation Dept.:  
Linda Lockhart - Therapeutic Specialist

DeKalb Co. Parks & Recreation Dept.:  
DeDe Jacobs - Therapeutic Specialist

Richmond Co. Parks & Recreation Dept.:  
Tom Cassaday - Therapeutic Specialist

Department of Natural Resources,  
Recreation Planning Section:  
Gilbert Patterson - Recreation Planner (Funding)  
Roselyn Dixon - Assistant Therapeutic Consultant

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

Helen (Unicoi) --	Camp Counselors (2)  (Outdoor Therapeutic Program)
Macon --	Recreation Therapist (Mental Health Clinic)
Marietta --	Program Supervisor

**NRPA FORUM  
ANNOUNCED**

The Third Annual Regional Forum on Innovative Recreation Programming will be held in Atlanta at the Executive Park Motor Inn on February 4-6, 1976. The Forum is co-sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association and Georgia State University. Additional information will be available later in December and may be obtained by contacting: Thad L. Studstill, Regional Director, NRPA Southeast Service Center, 460 First National Bank Building, Decatur, Georgia 30030. (404) 378-1556.

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